

Identification Wanted

COULD any reader identify a station which I picked up to-night on about 360 metres (830 k.c.)? Static was very bad and the station very distorted. His call sounded like 2ZO, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, and I heard him say that he was conducting a test transmission. He closed down just after 11 p.m.—H. Walker (Th Bluff).

BETWEEN 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 9 I picked up someone on short-wave telephony, at R6—S. Here are parts of the conversation. A gentleman was asking if his speech was being received all right, as he was experimenting (some electric telephone arrangement, I believe). He then spoke about his business affairs, he being on the commercial side. A number, 1232, together with a name "Archway," I believe, were given. After informing his friend, a Mr. Denham, that he would give a call later, he closed down. A lady then followed and commenced calling London. "Would you find—Hello, London! Mr. Mercer? Just a moment! Would you advise when he"—here she ceased. "Hello, London!" A number, 1900, was given. Then the following:—O for Oliver, N for Nellie, W for William, L for London. "What is serial number? What is Greenwich time?" And so on. This was received on 62 on dial (O—100) of an adapter. Could any DX member enlighten me?—"Sonora" (Lyall Bay).

COULD anyone identify a station that was operating on 610 k.c. on Monday night, R9, on popular musical numbers? I first logged this stranger in at 7 p.m., and held him till 8.30 p.m. No call or announcement was given. He would be on the air and off again for a few seconds. On Wednesday, April 9, I logged a New Zealand station at 7 p.m. on 820 k.c., strength R8 to 9, on bedtime stories; then later announced time 2.30 p.m., then gave a sporting summary. Could not catch call. Static was very fierce. It sounded like 2ZB or 2ZE. This station is right in between 3LO and 2BL frequency.—S. Ellis (Okato).

THE D.X. CLUB

Views and News.

AT approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday, 6-4-30, an English-speaking station was heard on about 32 metres (9687 kilocycles). It was stated to be 7 o'clock London time. A talking picture, "Journey's End," was described and something said about a book just published. This station was about R4 at its best with surge. The best I could make of call was GB4, Bristol. Is this correct?—E. W. Tadmor (Nelson).

TO-NIGHT, April 10, at 8.10 p.m., I tuned in on 224 metres (1340 kilocycles) and heard a man calling up what sounded like "Melbaradio." He said "BKNL" was calling, and gave his position as 65 miles N.E. of (like) Pithy Island. Later he called up BAM and gave same position; later called "Melbaradio" again, and said he hoped they got particulars.—George Miller.

Stations Identified

J.T.S. (Napier), re the station on 1380 k.c. (217.3 metres), did not state the time of reception, which would render identification easy. The station on 830 k.c. (361 metres) is probably KOA, Denver, Colorado—one of the National Broadcasting Company's stations situated in the Rocky Mountains, power 12.5 k.w. The next station I should say would be WHAS, 850 k.c. (352.7 metres), Louisville, Kentucky, 10 k.w. This station is heard at 6.30 any evening when conditions are good. I have just received a verification from station KFQU, 1420 k.c. (211 metres), Holy City, Cali-

fornia. Power 100 watts.—S. Ellis (Okato).

IN last week's "Radio Record" J.T.S., Napier, was inquiring about a station he heard on 217.3 metres (1380 k.c.), or 5 on dial. This was probably 2YA's harmonic, for I have received this station four or five times. I heard him again on Sunday night (April 6), hearing the announcement, "This is station 2YA, Wellington, passing over to the Town Hall to relay the concert given by the Wellington Tramways Band." Where can a list of New Zea-

To DX Club Members

OWING to the heavy demands made on our space, and to the increasing amount of correspondence received from DX enthusiasts, we have found it necessary to request the following courtesies:

(1) Address letters to: The Editor, DX Club, Box 1032, Wellington. Nom de plumes may be used, but all letters to be signed. Write in ink, and on one side of the paper only.

(2) Be brief, but do not omit interesting or essential details. (At present almost every letter has to be re-written and condensed.)

(3) When stating the wavelength of a station, if possible give the corresponding frequency. This may be calculated from the formula:

$$K = \frac{300,000}{M}$$

where M = wavelength in metres, and K the frequency in kilocycles.

(4) When inquiring about the identity of stations, give the following particulars: Date and time of reception, approx. wavelength and frequency (see Rule 3), and items heard (not more than three). If unable to state wavelength, give dial readings and proximity to well-known stations.

land stations be obtained?—"Bluebird Five" (New Plymouth).

[A call-book, including a list of New Zealand "B" class stations, is being prepared for inclusion in "The Radio Listeners Guide and Call-Book," to be published shortly.—Ed.]

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DX Topics

Recent Loggings.

I WISH to report on reception of the following American stations heard the last fortnight, all identified and new to my log: KSTP, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1480 k.c. (205 metres), and KOB, State College, North Mexico, 1180 k.c. (254.1 metres), power 10 k.w. Also WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky, 850 k.c. (353 metres), 10 k.w.; WCCO, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 810 k.c. (370 metres), power 7500 watts; WBAP, Fort Worth, Texas, 800 k.c. (374.8 metres), 10 k.w. Also W2XAG, already reported (WGY). These stations came in at good speaker strength, but marred by static. Many DX enthusiasts often wonder what kind of set I am using to log in so many stations. It is one of the latest screened-grid jobs—eight valves. "If any listeners care to know anything about my set and earth and aerial, just drop me a line. I will be only too pleased to tell them."—S. Ellis (Okato).

4ZP, Invercargill.

WITH reference to a southern station's call, "Universal Five" (Ladbrooks) is quite wrong in his statement that a call he hears is 4ZG, Invercargill. This station is 4ZP, Invercargill. I hold their verification card, which gives the following: "4ZP, 1160 k.c. (258 metres), Invercargill. Power, 50-100 watts. Operating hours, Monday, 7-10 p.m.; Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.; Friday, 7-11 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 p.m. Station address, Parson's Radio Supplies, 153 Layard Street, North Invercargill."—"Sonora" (Wellington).

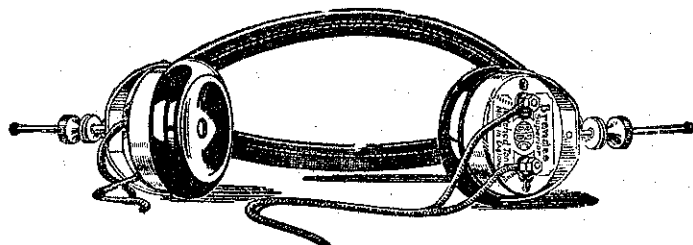
I AGREE with your correspondent "Sonora" re the owners of our New Zealand "B" class stations, being slow in verifying reports on reception forwarded to them. I would remind these people that if they are conducting their businesses in a similar manner, much trade they would otherwise get is totally lost. I agree with your correspondent that the Dunedin stations are probably the worst offenders. I might remind the owners of these stations that it takes time as well as an interest to sit down and advise reception. In this connection I would congratulate the Palmerston North station, 2ZF, who, although not owned by a radio firm, have gone to the trouble of printing a special verification card, which is signed by both the president and secretary of this club. The Napier station, 2ZH, although a comparative newcomer on the air, replied by typewritten letter to a report I forwarded them recently. No doubt other listeners have had similar cards, etc., forwarded to them. "Service" is good in its way, but to make it function properly it has to have at least "courtesy" added to it.—N. D. Campbell (Auckland).

ALLOW me to congratulate ZL2AX, Palmerston North, on the excellent strength of his transmission of 9-4-30; came in here at a very good R9 or more, with perfect clarity. As I don't know ZL2AX's address, will he communicate with a view to further check-ups? Also 2BE, Hastings.—E. W. Tadmor (Nelson).

I RECEIVED a letter of confirmation from WHK, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., in which the director states they had 14 letters from New Zealand listeners who had tuned in WHK on January 8. On that occasion WHK was testing with its new 5000-watt transmitter on 215.7 metres (1390 kilocycles). Two weekly logs of the station were received by mail, in which special mention was made of New Zealand reception.—George Miller.

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